

REMARKS

Claims 44-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-43 have been canceled and claims 44-54 have been added. No new matter is added. Claims 44, 48 and 52 are independent.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claims 1-5, 26-28, 30 and 41-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1). Claims 6-9, 11-13, 15-16, 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1), as applied to claims 1-5, 26-28, 30 and 41-42 above and further in view of Ono (U.S. 6,914,863 B2). Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1) and Ono (U.S. 6,914,863 B2) as applied to claims 1-5, 26-28, 30, 41-42, 6-9, 11-13, 15-16, 21-25 above and further in view of Kim et al. (U.S. 7,113,694 B2). Claims 10 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1) as applied to claims 1-5, 26-30 and 41-42 above, and further in view of Kime et al. above. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1) and Ono (U.S. 6,914,863 B2) as applied to claims 1-5, 26-30, 41-42, 6-9, 11-16, and 21-25 above, and further in view of Kim et al. (U.S. 7,113,694 B2). Claims 31-36, 39 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono (U.S. 4,914,863 B2) and further in view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. 6,782,192 B1). Claim 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono (U.S. 6,014,863 B2) and Tanaka et al. (U.S. 6,782,192 B1) as applied to claims 31-36, 39 and 40, and further in view of Kikuchi et al. (U.S. 6,562,334 B1). Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ono (U.S. 6,014,863 B2) and Tanaka et al. (U.S. 6,782,192 B1) as applied to claims 31-36, 39 and 40 above, and further in view of Yamauchi et al. (U.S. 6,798,981 B1).

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-43, these rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 44-54 are directed to a method, apparatus and medium for controlling resume-playback of one or more titles, and are believed to be patentable over the applied art in various ways. Thus, indication of allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

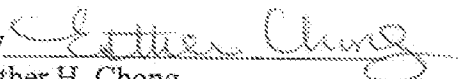
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong Reg. No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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